SOCCER SCENE

INCORPORATING
Australian Soccer Monthly

Vol. 4 No. 1
February 1972

PRICE: 30c

TOUR ANTI-CLIMAX

This dramatic confrontation between Israel's Yeshayhue Schwager and referee Tony Boskovic at the Sydney Sports Ground leaves little to the imagination. Schwager obviously was unhappy about the incident in which Australia's Max Tolson clashed with Israeli goalkeeper Itzhak Visoker.

by Glyn Griffiths

The three Australia v Israel international matches which brought the 1971 season to an interesting climax could well be regarded as a complete flop by some critics.

When the Israelis were brought to Australia, their visit was expected to yield three benefits to the code here.

The benefits? First – the tour was planned to produce cash for the always hard-up Australian Soccer Federation. Second – the games were essential to give Australia's international team much-needed match practice against suitably strong opposition. Third – several of the young players on the fringe of national selection for Australia were expected to be blooded in the demanding atmosphere of international matches.

So how did Australian soccer make out on these three counts? As the ASF will ruefully confirm, there was precious little money made out of Israel's visit. The crowds in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne were too small to boost the Federation's bank balance.

Another disappointment was the wasted opportunity of giving our young near-internationals their chance against Israel. Sure, there were players like Ernie Campbell, Brian Turner, Terry Butler and Bugsy Niskohus in the squad, but they spent the tour training and watching from the bench.

So Israel's visit to Australia, a financial disappointment and a waste of time as far as the young players were concerned, provided only one real benefit. It gave Australia's international players excellent match practice against the team we shall probably have to overcome to reach the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. Perhaps we should be thankful for small mercies.

Any assessment of Australia's performances in the series – a draw, a win, and a loss – must take into account Israel's handicaps. Undoubtedly our visitors' main problem was their lack of match condition, a problem which was gradually conquered as the tour progressed. They were also hit by the absence of a few key players.

In fairness to Australia, though, it must be mentioned that the home team was handicapped much more severely by the non-appearance of key men. For instance, Jack Reilly, Col Curran, John Roche, Allan Marnoch, John Watkiss and John Warren are just some of the top-class national-team stars who did not front for the Israeli tour matches.

There is little doubt that Australia's finest tour 90 minutes was at Lang Park, Brisbane, in the opening game. Although the score was an unimpiring 2-2, that score does not tell the true

continued on page 3

1972 Season Preview

HAKOAH FOR PREMIERS

Says Roger Hunter

At the opening of another Sydney soccer season, it is inevitably crystal ball time, with the speculation about who wins what high on the list of every pub and club discussion.

Wilson—lured to Marconi

Most people are predicting that Marconi-Fairfield will be among the honours, and it is not difficult to see why this team, so recently among the also-rans of second division, is attracting such support.

Marconi made three significant close-season signings - two players and a coach. The coach, of course, is Rale Rasic, the man who guides Australia's international soccer destiny. The players are international calibre, too.

Marconi Fairfield paid almost $9,000 to lure centre-half Peter Wilson and centre-forward Max Tolson from South Coast United. Just before buying that pair, Rasic insisted no player in Australia was worth $5,000 — but he must have gone very close to his "limit" to recruit Wilson and Tolson.

Last year, Marconi were an above-average side, possibly a little unfortunate to miss the top four series. Indeed, had they not made the extraordinary decision to dispense with coach Les Schainflug during the season, there is little doubt Marconi would have been in the semi-final round robin.

Logically, then, Marconi are going to be stronger this year — because they have all their 1971 stars available — plus Wilson and Tolson. It would take a brave man to bet against their winning something.

Hakoah, too, look as powerful as ever. In fact, with wee Bobby Collins now coaching last year's premiers — and surely, he will play for Hakoah as well — Hakoah are going to be a most difficult side to topple in 1972.

St George Budapest will have to overcome the loss of Rale Rasic to Marconi Fairfield, and this may not be as simple an assignment as some may imagine. Rasic resigned so suddenly, his departure may well have left Saints with a traumatic hangover which could continue for several months. However, that first-class coach Frank Arok has been tempted back to Saints from Yugoslavia and Arok will be most anxious to chalk up the same sort of success story enjoyed by Rale Rasic in 1971. There is much controversy about whether Arok or Rasic really put St George on the map in recent seasons. Arok doesn't want to be the loser in this coaching contest.

Western Suburbs, 1971 night series winners and narrowly beaten in the premiership grand final, are out to prove a point. In their debut year in first division, Wests were regarded, in some quarters, as rather lucky to sample such successes. Wests' detractors claimed they surprised many opposing teams, merely because nobody expected second division upstarts to have the cheek to go in search of honours in the top division. That element of surprise will not be on Wests' side this time, because all first division sides know well enough that Western Suburbs cannot be treated lightly.

Wests have not gone in for expensive team building during the off season, and this could prove an expensive economy. A couple of first class players, recruited immediately after grand final defeat, would have brought Wests to the strength required to beat any team in Sydney. Could it be that the huge expense of improvements at Western Suburbs magnificent social club will mean less money is available to spend on the team?

Having mentioned Marconi Fairfield, Hakoah, St George and Western Suburbs, I find it difficult to discuss any other Sydney side as a serious threat in the chase for honours. And that will disappoint Apia Leichhardt's many supporters.

Summing-up. Top tip for 1972 . . . Hakoah. Main danger . . . St George Budapest. Relegation favourites . . . Prague. Also in trouble . . . South Coast United.

from page 2

story of a remarkable Australian performance. It is fair to say the Israeli team was given something of a soccer lesson in Brisbane.

If we forget the poor handling of goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz, there was hardly an Australian player who did not shine that night. And the brightest of the whole bunch was the man who came back — Victorian winger Billy Vojtek. Inconsistent at times in the past, Vojtek ran rings around Israel's defenders in probably the greatest game he has ever played for his country. Indeed Vojtek made such a mug of experienced left-back Gallo, that the Israeli defender resorted in the second half to some desperately fierce tackling which might have earned his dismissal had a tougher referee been in charge. But Vince Dobinson leaned over backwards to be kind to the visiting team.

Max Tolson, another forward who appeared to be on the international scrap heap, gave Vojtek tremendous support and worried the life out of Israel's defence. Jimmy Mackay, too, turned on a tremendous display for the home team.

The second match in Sydney came as something of an anti-climax because the Australians could not produce again the form they had shown in Brisbane.

However a solitary goal, by Alan Ainslie, gave Australia a 1-0 victory to add to their 2-2 draw, and with two matches played, Israel were still unable to record a win over the team they dumped from the 1970 World Cup eliminations.

It is difficult to pinpoint just where we went astray at the Sydney Sports Ground, but there is little doubt that the tourists were getting better with each match. And it was expecting a lot for Australia to supply two dazzling performances in succession.

Almost before the players had left the field in Sydney, coach Rale Rasic had decided he would make no change in Australia's line-up for the third, and deciding, tour match in Melbourne a week later. Rasic explained: "We are playing full international matches, and for that reason alone, I must select my strongest 11 men. You do not make experiments in international fixtures."

I believe he was wrong. Particularly in view of the first two results in this series. Rasic had everything to gain and nothing to lose by picking two or three of his younger players for the third match.

If we won or drew with an experimental side, it would have been a great feather in Australia's cap. More important, even if we had lost, there would have been no recriminations if the object had been the blooding of inexperienced youngsters.

However, Rale Rasic, the man in sole control, was the only person who had to make the big decision, and he showed courage in sticking to a policy which he believed to be correct.

It is now history that Israel gave Australia a terrible time in the third international at Olympic Park, Melbourne. Even though skipper Mordechai Shpigler had departed for a testimonial match in London, the Israeli side clicked right from the kick-off. In every department, they were superior to the locals, and the final 3-1 score was, if anything, a little flattering to Australia.

With about 10 minutes left for play at Olympic Park, Rale Rasic at last decided to give a couple of his young players a run. He brought on Ernie Campbell and Brian Turner. It was too late, of course, for anyone to retrieve a hopeless situation, but the newcomers produced a healthy upward curve in Australia's performance graph in the closing minutes of the match.

In the season due to start soon, Australia's international players seem likely to be concerned, in the main, with Asian opposition. Plans are being made for matches against nations such as Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Malaysia. This is good. It will give Rale Rasic a chance to assess the standing of several countries just as keen as Australia on making the World Cup finals in West Germany.

Let us hope the lessons of the Israeli tour will have been well learned before Australia jets to Asia.

the cover

Australian goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz punches the ball away in a moment of danger in the second match against Israel. Team-mates Ray Baartz (left) and Peter Wilson were there to support Romanowicz.

What went wrong ?

asks Roger Hunter

The announcement that Manchester United will not tour Australia this year may have come as a blow to the Australian Soccer Federation — but it should not have surprised soccer fans.

With alarming consistency over the past few years, the handling of tour arrangements has been fifth rate. Just recall what has happened since the last successful tour year of 1967 . . .

1968 — Cardiff City, a second division side from Wales, toured here and produced disastrous gate receipts.

1969 — The Greek international XI came, and by some oversight, left nine of their recognised national eleven at home.

1970 — Manchester City were the tour team, but came without internationals Francis Lee and Colin Bell, while a third international, Mike Summerbee, was unfit to play in any match.

1971 — The English FA sent a team of unknowns here, and completely failed to attract big crowds.

It is a depressing series of non-events, but that is not the full list. For instance, several top European club sides, including Werder Bremen and Inter Bratislava, have dropped in briefly and due to bad tour planning, attracted terrible attendances.

It is not surprising that all Australia looked forward eagerly to the 1972 tour here by the illustrious Manchester United. Now there will not be a United tour. What went wrong?

Surely it must be obvious that, despite the several stories from the ASF that Manchester United were certain to tour Australia, nothing had been settled firmly with United. Had contracts been signed, Manchester United would hardly have dropped out of the projected tour so suddenly. If the Manchester United tour was not, in fact, definitely on, why did the ASF kid the Australian sporting fans that it was? Would it not have been better for the Federation to have qualified its tour talk by saying: "We HOPE Manchester United will come"?

The men who run Manchester United's affairs are men of honour. It is inconceivable that they would make firm promises to play matches in Australia and then flippantly pull out.

With due respect to ASF officials, including president Arthur George and secretary Brian Le Fevre, are these the right men to negotiate Australian tours by top British clubs? It has been proved time and again that personal contact achieves far more than any official letter writing or telephone calls between virtual strangers. There are a few people in Australia with excellent British contact. These people know the top managers and directors and secretaries in the UK as personal friends. Yet they are never enlisted to assist the ASF when it is negotiating Australian trips for British teams.

It might even be an investment for the ASF to employ a full-time tours organiser to ensure the mistakes of the past few years are never again repeated. Such a man could well get his salary paid from a percentage of tour profits . . . so he would cost the Federation virtually nothing.

In fairness to the ASF, however, it must be stated that only a handful of British clubs could pull in large crowds for friendly fixtures on a tour of Australia. Those clubs are Manchester United, Arsenal, Liverpool, Leeds United, and the Glasgow giants, Celtic and Rangers. Possibly, Manchester City could be added to the list — despite the comparative lack of interest in City's 1969 tour here. And Spurs, Chelsea, Everton and Derby County might also yield reasonable profits — though not a box office bonanza.

Possibly the time has come to get away from British tour teams and invite European sides. There has been much talk already about Bayern Munich coming in 1972. Also Inter Milan. Judging by the poor crowd when Werder Bremen played in Sydney, German migrants are just not interested in watching soccer in Australia's largest city. And, while Inter Milan would, surely, be a huge attraction for the Italian community would, the pull in the disinterested UK migrants or local Aussies?

Perhaps, as ASF president Arthur George has stated, the days are over when the Federation could lean heavily on tour receipts for much of its annual revenue. Possibly this particular goose has laid its last golden egg. And we have no Manchester United visit to prove, or disprove, that theory.

Despite a wall of defenders, Arsenal's first goal is scored by Radford (9) in the match against Leicester City at Highbury. AAP—AP Photo.

Members of the Burnley Football Club are (from left), back row: Bellamy, Kindon, Walters, Waldron, Mellor, Nulty, Augus; front: Collins, Thomas, Casper, Dobson, Probert, Fletcher, Docherty AAP–AP Photo.

adidas

ADIDAS can proudly claim that 87% of all top players in the world play on their shoes.

The Australian manufacturers of ADIDAS can now proudly claim that their 1971 series shoes are equal to the best quality manufactured in Europe.

WEMBLEY

RUBBER SOLES

La Plata	$12.45
Wembley	$15.45
Penarol (single toe)	$14.45

NYLON SOLES

Adidas "2000"	$16.45

Also junior shoes from $7.95

Play on ADIDAS the choice of CHAMPIONS

AVAILABLE AT ALL LEADING STORES

VICSCENE

By Andrew James

All too often visiting sides are hailed with hosts of superlatives when they arrive in Australia.

Miraculously — almost overnight — quite modest players are described as star internationals. Anybody with any pretentions to fame is transformed into a world idol!

SOCCER SCENE believes that both Cruzeiro and Slovan Bratislava currently in Australia are good enough teams to stand on an honest truthful record, without exaggeration.

It is pointless to claim — as some have done — that the Brazilians line-up contains no less than seven World Cup stars. It is equally wrong to say that the Czech National side is Slovan Bratislava under a different name.

The facts are these:

Three members of the touring Cruzeiro side played with Brazil in their victorious campaign in the Mexico World Cup. Fontana played against Rumania in the Group Three preliminary game at Guadalajara. Piazza and Tostao were both ever-present in the final series. Tostao was the Brazilian top scorer in the competition with a total of nine goals scored in the preliminary rounds and another two (v Peru) in the final series.

Slovan Bratislava have just one Czech World Cup player touring with the party, Hrivnak! Hrivnak took the field against England in a Group Three game, also at Guadalajara. Czechoslovakia, of course, lost all three games and were eliminated.

Brazil, of course, went on to take out the Jules Rimet Cup for the third time, so winning the trophy in perpetuity. For the record, Brazil played 12 games in the 1970 World Cup, winning all and scoring 42 goals and conceding only nine!

The evening of Sunday, 6th February, promises to be the soccer's Night of Nights at Melbourne's Olympic Park.

Thousands will pack the terraces to watch the big clash between the crack Brazilian team Cruzeiro and an All-Stars Team selected by the leading sports journalists from all players competing in the first international tournament to be staged in Australia.

The idea will be to pit the most prominent players in the tournament against this first-ever Brazilian side to play in Australia.

Not only will top players from New South Wales and Victoria be selected, but local journalists are sure to select certain key stars from the touring Czech side, Slovan Bratislava. This blending of European and Australian skills will be interesting enough to watch in itself and will be a highlight of the game.

Every player selected for this All-Stars team will receive a $100 as a special bonus.

This great tour has been organised by Mr A. Rosenberger, co-operating with the Australian Soccer Federation. Both get my vote for the 1972 award of the Golden Boot.

"We are happy with our series of telecasts of indoor Soccer" says Maurie Kirby, Sports Editor of G.T.V. 9, Melbourne. " The games are fast with plenty of action and above all plenty of goals. This is just what the public wants!"

Channel 9 took the plunge just before Christmas when they showed an active interest in a sport that has become a major spectator drawcard in both England and Europe.

Twelve teams drawn from the Victorian State League and the Metropolitan League are competing weekly in the series which is being played at the Footscray Y.M.C.A. Hall.

Newly-promoted Keilor Austria hold a narrow lead to date from the much-fancied George Cross and Croatia. These teams have adapted more successfully to this five-a-side game than the others and have pulled away by a handsome margin.

With agility and goal-scoring power at a premium, stars like Kevin Walker and John Gardiner both of George Cross, Billy Vojtek, of Croatia, and Branko Buljevic, of Footscray, really come into their own.

Veteran commentator, Alex Barr has been joined with leading Rules personality and former Footscray coach Ted Whitten in hosting the programme. They have done a great job in putting over a new exciting sport to an entirely new audience. T.V. stations around the nation would do well to examine the potential of indoor soccer.

Footscray's iron defence is built around young goalie Jimmy Milisenjevic and Marian Lopatic, both here clashing with Mike Carey (Hakoah) at Middle Park.

Melbourne embarked on a quiet, well-thought-out recruiting programme immediately on the close of the 1971 season.

The departure of both Ray Pocock and Billy Rogers for Sydney left this top State League side with little goal-scoring power. The Melbourne defence marshalled by tall, lanky Fabian Juhasz was as solid as they come but goals win games and they just weren't coming.

Negotiations have been completed that will shortly lead to two Scots arriving in Melbourne. Ronald Duff and Robert Goodwillie are both due to arrive within the next month. Goodwillie, a 22-year-old striker, is 5'8" and 11 stone. Duff, another striker, is just 20 and is 5'10" and 10 stone 9 lbs.

Melbourne will also shortly announce the signing of the burly Dave Owen, who has formerly played for Gosnells (W.A.) and Devonport (Tas.). Dave Owen came to Australia in 1969 from Merseyside and sprang into prominance recently with a good, strong performance for Tasmania against the English F.A. XI in Hobart. A bulky 13 stone and 6ft tall, Owen is an electrical engineer and also plays a pretty good tune on an electric organ.

With both Joe Palinkas and Andrew Segi showing rapid improvement the Melbourne forward line already looks good for goals. The new arrivals should strengthen things even more and put the Reds in line for premiership honours.

Is it true that promoter Mr A. Rosenberger stole a march on the local soccer chiefs with the current tour by Cruzeiro and Slovan Bratislava?

Is it true that posters announcing full details of the tour appeared in shop windows in Fitzroy Street, Melbourne, days before the V.S.F. knew of, or were informed of, the programme? The Melbourne headquarters of this great game is guess where? In Fitzroy Street, of course!

Should we condemn Mr Rosenberger — or praise him for a bit of initiative?

Melbourne's Olympic Park has been packed recently with visiting Sydney stars. Jack Reilly is a regular, but also around were Ray Pocock, ex Melbourne S.C., and Brian Edgeley, ex Ringwood City. Could it be that the tide is turning? Could it be that Sydney's poaching days are done!

Project Homes Design Centre

AMBERLEY MK II

FLAMENCO MK II

BEVERLEY

AVON

It's February 1972 and Project Homes announce the opening of a refreshingly different Design Centre in McLean Street, Dianella. There, set in a serene bushland surround are four refreshingly individual home designs, Amberley MK II, Flamenco MK II, Beverley and Avon.

You are invited to inspect our Design Centre any day of the week between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m.

We know you'll be impressed . . .

refreshingly different in 72

PROJECT HOMES The Better Builders
188 St. George's Terrace, Perth
Telephone 22 3522 (8 lines)

O'CONNELL THE MODEL

Former W.A. State team captain John O'Connell is seen more on the television screen these days than on the playing field.

The reason is that he has taken up modelling and one television commercial he made recently — for a leading second-hand car dealer — is getting a lot of air space.

He also models the latest men's fashions on the catwalk at fashion parades.

O'Connell, who is still considered in many quarters as one of the best players to put on the gold and black colours of W.A., is still under suspension for State matches. He was suspended for five years for disciplinary reasons after the 1969 Merdeka Tournament in Malaysia.

There has been a lot of talk recently about O'Connell transferring from his club, Windmills. While nothing has been said officially, it is believed that Windmills want $3,000 for their star player — a figure that is beyond the reach of even the heavily-sponsored clubs, Azzurri and East Fremantle-Tricolors.

The club most interested in O'Connell is Bayswater United, who astounded the W.A. soccer public by doing so well last year, their first in the top division. Though Bayswater is full of surprises, it is very doubtful whether they could raise this sort of money — even though the club is due to tour Indonesia next month.

A great day for the Scotties

by David Jack

(Sydney "Sun" soccer correspondent)

The greatest day of the year for Sydney's Scottish community is, without doubt, New Year's Day. Because on that day, at Wentworth Park, some 10,000 Scots, in various stages of inebriation, hold their annual Highland Gathering.

It is not a simple task to list what happens at the Highland Gathering. It would be simpler, possibly, to state what doesn't happen! You name it, and it happens at Wentworth Park on New Year's Day.

Pipe bands, Scottish dancing, athletics, caber tossing, wood chopping and a dozen other events are features from about 10am. until 5pm. The reader, by now, could be excused for asking: "what has this to do with SOCCER SCENE?" Read on.

One of the most popular events at the Highland Gathering is the five-a-side soccer tournament, featuring teams from England, Ireland, Australia and, of course, Scotland. For the past four years, it has been my pleasant duty to manage the English team — not without success, I may add.

In 1969, Scotland won the tournament, when I made the fatal mistake of relying on "experienced" players who just didn't have the legs to cope with the full-sized pitch in near-100 degree summer heat. In 1970 and 1971, my "new look" Englishmen won the competition, thanks to the sterling efforts of such players as Stan Ackerley, Danny Walsh, Adrian Alston, Mike Denton, Peter Wilson and a Scottish "ring-in" Ray Gardiner.

So, a few weeks ago, we had the 1972 Highland Gathering five-a-side soccer, with Jack's marvels aiming at a hat trick of victories. It was not to be.

This time, the Scots put one over on me — by fielding five men who hadn't taken a drink all day. Worse still, one of their players was a little chap called Bobby Collins, who is, surely, one of the greatest footballers ever to represent Scotland in international soccer. To add to my problems, Denton and Ackerley were away on holiday, and Alston just failed to appear. Although England scraped into the final, at Ireland's expense, it was a case of "no contest" when we played Bobby Collins and his mates in the final.

Scotland won 4-1, their scorers being George Yardley (3) and Jimmy Rooney. But behind all those goals was the master-mind of Collins, who must have shaken hands with every Scot in Sydney as soon as he came off the park.

There is always another year, of course, and I can promise drastic changes in the English side. I've already suspended Alston for 12 months!

What happened to Ireland and Australia? Sunk without trace, I fear. But that's as it should be, it's difficult enough trying to beat Scotland, without having the Paddies and the Aussies getting into the act at the Highland Gathering.

STOP PRESS

Western Australia has once again been asked to apply for inclusion in an Asian tournament.

The Indonesian Soccer Association has virtually assured W.A. of an invitation should they apply for one of the 12 places being allocated this year.

When the tournament (the Anniversary Tournament) started two years ago, it was given a luke warm reception by many of the other Asian nations.

There are so many tournaments for Asian nations that one could well spend the entire year playing and preparing for just these competitions.

However, Indonesia is not exactly a little fish in Asian waters, and their emergence since the days of Sukarno is rapidly taking on major importance in that area's affairs.

Last year, ten teams competed, including W.A., and this year 12 will be selected.

Last year, W.A. finished fifth, beating South Korea 2-0 for this position.

It was a tournament that provided an inconsistent W.A. performance, they eventually missed a place in the semi-finals by an odd goal, a common complaint of W.A. teams in the past.

W.A. proved, as it has always done, a popular team.

Whether this popularity stems from the fact that W.A. can be beaten, where the Australian national team couldn't, is hard to determine.

But there appears to be ample evidence that Asian teams like to beat Australians.

Such a tour can only do good for W.A. and keep the message burning brighter that soccer is the game that provides greater outlets than almost any other sport in the country.

Assurances have been given from various sources that not a single cent of Federation money will be used to send the 1972 team to Djakarta.

A better financial arrangement has been made with the Indonesian authorities and certain guarantees are being made in Perth to cover the remaining finance.

Should this financial set up prove effective then there is no reason why W.A's participation in Asia should not continue.

The one major stumbling block is the interference with our local competitions.

Clubs and soccer followers in general are fed up with the break that see three or four weeks at the crucial point of the league competition suspended.

The W.A. Federation appears to have had plenty of warning of our invitation this year, and it is therefore up to them to plan the 1972 season with the Anniversary tournament in mind.

☆☆☆☆☆

Gerd Mueller, top goalscorer of the 1970 World Cup and leading goalscorer in the West German Bundesliga, says that there is an 80 per cent chance that he will leave his club, Bayern Muenchen, at the end of this season — June, 1972.

He says that a decision will be made within the next few months.

The club he would like to join most is Borussia Moenchengladbach, the current title-holders.

This news raises the question: If Mueller leaves Muenchen, will he be with the club if it makes a tour of Australia?

MASONRY BARBECUES

SUPA·GRILL

$29.95

HOT PLATE · ROTISSERIE · GRILL SHELF

Free installation and delivery
(inner and outer suburbs)

Phone—write or call

TROJAN OUTDOOR CENTRE

FORSYTH ST., O'CONNOR, PHONE 37 4311

THE PERIN GUESSING GAME IS ON AGAIN

From Tom McKain in Adelaide

It's on again — the annual guessing game involving Juventus and South Australian midfielder Johnny Perin, hailed as the discovery of the Australian team's Asian tour two years ago by national captain Johnny Warren.

Once more Perin says he will not play in Adelaide, and wants to move interstate.

Last time it was Sydney, this time it's Melbourne, to Juventus or Croatia.

This time Adelaide Juventus have an $8,000 transfer fee on his head.

Last time it was $20,000.

And this is significant, because, at 24, the ball-playing wizard still has a lot of soccer left at his feet.

But it looks as if Juventus' patience has run out, and this time Perin, who has been with Juventus since he first kicked a ball will be allowed to leave.

After the Asian trip he made the Australian team again, but was not a regular.

Like other SA players Perin admitted it took him too much time to reach the same fitness peak as the NSW contingent and this hampered his progress.

"If you want to get to the top here you have to play in Sydney," he said.

But he remained in Adelaide and remained an automatic choice for the State and Juventus, and also remained the idol of the Juventus fans.

And perhaps this idolisation has been his downfall.

Trouble from spectators has erupted twice when Perin was sent off by referees.

And he was ordered off not for foul or rough play, but for chatting the whistlers.

A couple of seasons ago he sensed the trouble coming himself and asked the ref. not to order him off. But it was too late, and Perin was in trouble for inciting the crowd.

Last season he was sent from the field again, along with team-mate Graham Sherriffs, and once again there was a break-in and the game had to be abandoned.

But one could not describe Perin as a butcher or an intentional trouble-maker.

He is normally quiet and placid, but has the greatest difficulty in resisting the temptation to question a referee's decision, and nine times out of ten the decision does not involve Perin.

If other players clash on the field he is always the first to go in to break it up.

His intentions are sound, but once again he inevitably becomes involved with the referee.

When Perin decides to take on a defence there is only one way to stop him, as Neil McGuchey of Hellas demonstrates while Hammy McMeechan (left) picks himself up after tackling thin air. Picture Courtesy THE NEWS, Adelaide.

Following the suspension after the Lion game, Perin's game fell away, and he said his heart was no longer in it.

And yet here is a player who is bursting with natural talent. And talent which has been recognised not only by coaches throughout Australia, but also by officials and players from visiting teams.

But this has not turned Perin into a big head.

Indeed, as one coach once said: "The trouble with that boy is that he doesn't know how good he is".

Indications that this time he seemed determined to quit Adelaide came at the Cup final when, after Juventus had beaten Polonia in the final, Perin made straight for the dressing rooms and did not remain on the field for the presentation and lap of honour.

But in the close season he has turned out in charity matches for Italy (he came to Australia as a baby) and at coaching clinics for schoolboys.

Secretaries!

Are your members wearing their

CLUB TIE?

For your own design in small or large quantities. Contact: —

"T.D."

T.D. NOONE SALES (VIC) PTY. LTD.

537 KEILOR ROAD, NIDDRIE, VIC. 3042

Phone Melb.: 379 5037.

SYDNEY Phones:

29 5284 — A.H. 90 1134

From page 10

He also played in the Mini World Cup seven a side competition.

Perhaps one of the reasons for his discontent could go back to when he was a brilliant youngster. He played for the minimum wage while expensive and not so talented imports came and went with bulging pay packets and bulky signing-on fees.

Perhaps the continual clashes with referees and having always to be in the best players list has become too much.

There is that old saying that a change is as good as a holiday so perhaps that is all that Perin needs.

Whatever the reason for Perin's transfer request and whatever friends or foes may think of him one thing is certain. He could still become one of Australia's soccer greats if he can find what he is looking for.

We hope for his sake and Australia's, that he does.

Perin (left) with Artuer player-coach Mario Corti (centre) and Juventus team player Joe Bugno give some tips to youngsters at the Woodville Sports Centre in Adelaide.

AUSTRALIA RELY ON TOO MUCH CONTACT

Australian soccer is relying too much on physical contact rather than on soccer skills according to players of the German team, Hertha Zehlendorf 03, who played in Australia last month.

They advise Australia to import coaches capable of shifting the emphasis from physical contact to skill factors.

Players who played in Australia with Hertha during the club's previous tour in 1970 said the standard of the local game had improved considerably. In fact they admitted they were lucky to snatch a 1-1 draw against Western Australia in their first match in Australia, after beating the Philippines national team 3-2 a couple of days earlier.

Hertha plan another visit to Australia and Oceania in two years.

1972'S FIRST GOAL

West Australian midfielder John Davidson scored the first goal of the 1972 first-class soccer season in Australia and probably in the world. The former Scottish youth international thundered home a 35-yard shot past goalkeeper Klaus Gruetzner in the first few minutes of the international match against West German team Hertha Zehlendorf 03 of Berlin in the hot afternoon Perth sun on January 1. Hertha's Peter Hanisch later got the equaliser from a penalty.

However, the first goal of the competitive season came in the curtain-raiser from Alf Osborne, who scored the first goal in the WA University's (the Australian champions) 2-0 win over the WA State Under-21 team.

BERLIN HERE WE COME!

There is a possibility that Western Australia could send a team to Europe.

Officials of the German club Hertha Zehlendorf 03 extended an invitation to WA after their recent match against the State side.

The officials said they could arrange matches against other teams in West Berlin, as well as their own team. Traditionally soccer matches in West Berlin draw the biggest crowds in Germany and the takings from these matches should cover most of the expenses.

The idea does not sound quite so ridiculous as it first seems.

With the recently-announced return excursion fares between Perth and Germany being less than $650 a head, WA could send a party for just over $10,000, plus ground expenses.

Even the worst attended regional matches in Berlin draw three or four thousand spectators, so it would not take too many well attended matches to cover expenses.

Hertha officials pointed out that a foreign team would be a good drawcard because West Berlin is relatively isolated in the football world.

Western Australia has travelled to South East Asia regularly for many years.

Next stop West Berlin!

– Peter Argo

DINELLI & DEL BASSO

Quality Smallgoods
Bacons and Hams
Cooked Meats
Fresh Meats

COLLINGWOOD STREET OSBORNE PARK
TELEPHONE 24 3597

Deliveries to all parts of Sporting areas

W.A. Should Have Beaten Hertha 03

By a Special Correspondent

WA has always welcomed any team wishing to play in Perth, no matter how small or big. Naturally the bigger and more famous they are, the better WA likes it.

On January 1, after a blazing maximum temperature of 104 degrees, WA played an exhausting 1-1 draw with the Berlin regional side Hertha Zehlendorf 03.

It was a game that WA should have won easily, but which saw the heat become the real winner.

Hertha, who drew 2-2 with WA in 1970, were well below that standard this time, and said later they were happy with the draw.

WA once again is operating under a new coach in John Fisher, who was part of the team that coached Azzurri to their fantastic three title grab last year.

A fully qualified physiotherapist in both Britain and Australia, and a physical training teacher with most of his experience in the British army, he emphasised speed and attack that should have resulted in at least three goals by half-time.

During the match WA lost the valuable services of former Welsh international Reg Davies with two broken ribs and a punctured lung. This has placed a problem on Fisher's shoulders when the Czech team Slovan Bratislava plays in Perth this month.

Davies, even at 41, is a clever midfield schemer, and there is no adequate replacement at the moment to fill this role. WA has plenty of midfield players, but none of the really scheming, linking variety capable of simply holding the ball to distribute at the right moment with accuracy.

Last year's Rothmans' gold medal winner, Brian Newell, has prematurely retired at 31, while John O'Connell (Windmills) is still under suspension for State matches.

Various rumours about tours by Santos (Brazil), Benfica (Portugal) and Inter Milan (Italy) have yet to be confirmed, and, with Manchester United now cancelled, the international season looks somewhat shaky.

Wolverhampton Wanderers are not scheduled for Perth.

So WA could be without a major international game for the first time since 1964. It would certainly be our slackest year since 1966, the year when A.S. Roma came to Australia.

Besides the Asian excursions to the Merdeka and Indonesia and Thailand over the past five years, WA has averaged five games a year for the past two years. Not bad for geographically isolated Perth!

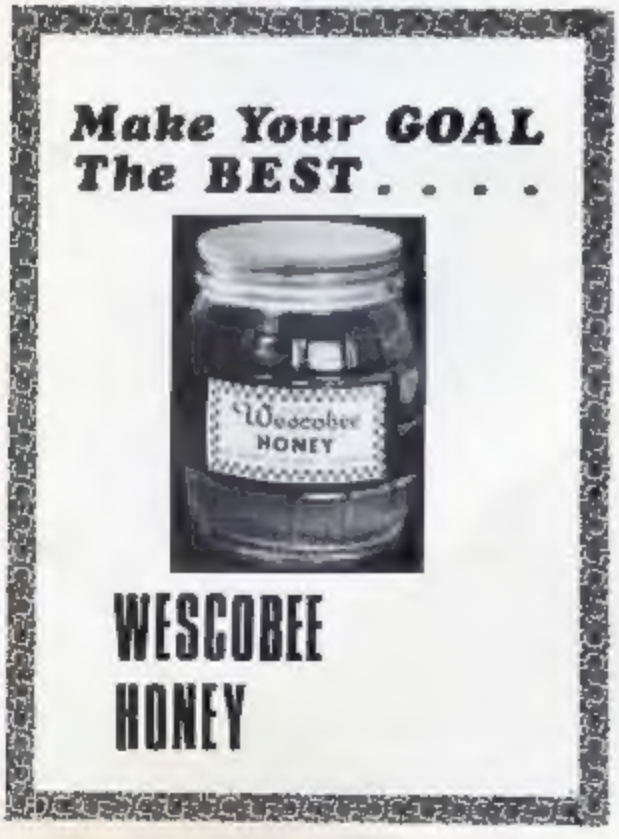
Hertha Zehlendorf 'keeper Klaus Gruetzner makes a desperate bid to stop WA's John Davidson (right), while defender Rainer Groeger races back to cover. Davidson missed this one, but scored a few minutes later. He was WA's outstanding player.

Another heart case

The case of Ace Hartford and his dodgy heart brought to light another top professional player with doubts as to his heart's proper function.

Italian goalkeeper Alberto Ginulfi (he was in Australia in 1966 with his club A.S. Roma, the club he is still with) arrived in England late December to see a specialist.

The Roma board made the decision to send Ginulfi to England to get the best available specialist. He has been consulting Sidney Rose, a surgeon and Manchester City director, who has put him in touch with one of the best heart specialist's in the country.



A NEW HOME

by Dave Williams

Soccer's newest landmark in Newcastle — headquarters of the Northern New South Wales Soccer Federation — is a two-storey white brick building with design and structure to rival any of the local leagues clubs.

It is Wallsend S.F.C's new social club, built at a cost of $400,000 dollars, and opened officially by Ken Booth M.L.A — the federation's patron.

Although the club has been operating for twelve months, its official opening coincided with the Wallsend Soccer Club's 84th year of existence.

The new building is on the fringe of the famous Crystal Palace Ground and patrons have an excellent elevated view of any match being played through 3,000 square feet of tinted, armour-plated glass.

On the ground floor is the foyer, games room, club bar, T.V. room, library and major storeroom. The first floor contains a 450-seat-capacity auditorium, Crystal Palace lounge-dining room and kitchen. Ancillary offices are also located on this floor.

One of the main features, and a talking point among visitors, is the controversial dining room. The unusual aspect of the setting is the red and black wallpaper depicting semi-nude women from the early Egyptian era. Finished in a red-silverish effect, the wallpaper has had its admirers and detractors. There is no in-between—you either like it or you don't.

The board room is beside the library on the ground floor.

Forty-two people — 22 of them permanently employed and 20 on a casual basis — look after the needs of more than 2,000 members on the club's books.

A section of the 3,000 square feet of armour-plate glass that overlooks the Wallsend club's playing area and shelters members from the vagaries of winter weather.

President of the club is Fred Linsley, who has been a staunch Wallsend supporter for more than 20 years. He has held the president's chair for the past 16 years. The club's secretary-manager is Ken Ward, who was elected to that position in 1958 after being secretary of the soccer club for the three previous years. Vice-president is life-member Jack O'Donnell, who has held that office for the past 14 years.

The club is run by a committee of ten, who are elected each year by members of the club at the annual meeting. The standing committee is: Messrs. D. Hardes, A. Howell, J. Corliss, D. Ninness, H. Neal, A. Fenwick, A. Harris, J. Llewellyn, L. Buxton and R. O'Brien.

While the elegant white building with its charcoal trimmings has usurped the Crystal Palace Ground's features of yesteryear — a gnarled peppercorn tree at the southern end, and a rustic, draughty grandstand that still shields spectators from the setting sun — the club's basic policy has not altered.

"Our aim is to promote soccer at Wallsend," says Ken Ward. "It has always been that way and will be in the future."

And the club's encouragement of local youth has paid off.

The Wallsend first division team, whose average age is just over 23 years, was runner-up in the minor premiership to Weston, and was beaten by that team in the grand final.

Although Eston's 5-0 grand final win was a true reflection of the rival teams' merits, Wallsend's players suffered from the effects of two gruelling games against Hamilton Azzurri in the drawn preliminary final and its replay, while Weston was resting.

Despite the severe reverse, team coach Bob Frome, said that he was satisfied with the team's efforts and the performance augured well for 1972.

The grand final is almost certain to have ended former international winger Bruce Morrow's association with the Wallsend club. He is to be given an open transfer and is expected to join Newcastle Austral as its coach for 1972.

"Tip" and "Tap" are the names borne by the mascots for the 1974 World Cup, which the German Football Association (DFB) is organizing in various cities throughout Germany. The jolly little boys in football kit, one with blond hair, the other with dark hair, were recently introduced to the public at the DFD annual conference. "Tip" and "Tap" are to publicise the 1974 World Cup throughout the world — along the same lines as "Juanito" did for Mexico in 1970. Recently there has been some trouble with regard to the venues for the World Cup matches because three of the original 11 cities applying, have decided against staging group matches. The expansion or reconstructions of the existing stadiums for at least 60,000 spectators have proven to be too expensive for them.

«Sydney Sidelines»

by Glyn Griffiths

When it comes to the provision of grounds and general playing facilities, Sydney usually trails behind most other States — much to Sydney's shame.

In one direction, though, the Sydney soccer scene is making the sort of progress which should be the envy of all others. Development of the NSW Coaches Federation home at Parkies Academy has been remarkable during the past 12 months. Latest step forward at Parkies was the official opening last month of the Academy swimming pool, a magnificent 60ft. pool costing almost $10,000.

The NSW coaches have to be admired for the courage in tackling this enormous project. Their bank balance was only a few hundred dollars when they decided to invest in the swimming pool.

Since much of the live-in coaching at Parkies takes place in high summer, when it can get hot in this part of Sydney, the provision of a pool was considered an essential — not a luxury.

The next enormous task scheduled at Parkies is the tearing down of the wooden dormitory sheds — formerly hen and duck sheds — and erection of more permanent living quarters for the students.

As one FIFA coach Dettmar Cramer said on one of his visits to Parkies: "You have a wonderful place here, and it is a credit to everyone who has worked on it. Sydney soccer should be grateful to the people who set up Parkies Academy."

Undoubtedly the man deserving most honour is Charles Valentine, who owns the Parkies land, and who leases it to the Coaches Federation for next to nothing. Mr Valentine, and his brother Richard, visit Parkies daily putting in hours of hard work in the development of the Academy.

And Mrs Charles Valentine works almost as hard, in charge of all catering during the courses at Parkies.

Harold Park, home of Sydney trotting, could be used as a soccer ground within a year or two. At least one Sydney club, with ground problems, fancies using Harold Park, with its excellent stands, for the round ball code.

Already architects have examined the headaches, and their report is expected to recommend that Harold Park be a soccer venue.

Although Canterbury have slipped into second division, the club is determined to hang on to its star players.

So Ray Pocock, a talented centre-forward who cost a big transfer fee when brought from Melbourne last season, seems destined to play second division — for at least one year.

Said Ray: "It's not much fun dropping down in class, but it looks as if I'll be staying with the Berries."

Canterbury are confident they will bounce straight back to first division in one year, but they will find it's not easy climbing out of second division . . . even if they keep their top players.

Whatever happened to Dave Harding? That's the question Pan Hellenic officials were asking at the start of the new year.

Hellenic secretary George Pappas tried to contact Harding, but could not trace him either at work or at home.

He said: "Nobody seems to know where Dave is. I've been told he is in Canada, but that may be just rumour."

Harding will be missed if he really has gone overseas. One of the best young forwards in Sydney, he was expected to carry much of the load for the Pan Hellenic front line.

A Merseyside, this inside-forward is on the fringe of representative honour for NSW.

Hakoah coach Bobby Collins says: "I don't want to seem like a big head, but from what I've seen of Australian soccer talent, I know I would have no trouble playing well in Sydney. It would be a doddle."

Collins is non-playing coach with Hakoah, and that's the way the club wants to keep the arrangement. But they could well have second thoughts. Scottish international Collins could get his clearance from Melbourne's Wilhelmina for $1,500 . . . and he'd be cheap at that price.

Sydney fans will see a new look Apia Leichhardt in the chase for honours this season.

The great players who put Apia into the Sydney big-time have nearly all quit the club or retired. Bill Rorke, Fil Botellico, Ernie Campbell, Ric Campana, John Ciacomatti, Jim Sambrook, Pat Hughes and a few more have almost certainly played their last games for the Italian-sponsored Apia team.

But Apia made two significant close season buys in centre-forward Pat Dellar from Bankstown and midfield maestro Jimmy Rooney from Prague. After all the heartaches of 1971, Apia fans expect much better performances from their favourite team in 1972 . . . even if they'll miss the old familiar faces.

Popular tip for relegation from Sydney first division — even before the start of the new season — is Sutherland Shire.

Which is rather hard on a young bunch of players who have just fought their way out of second division, a feat which cannot be achieved without top-class footballers.

Sutherland, under an excellent coach Mike Johnson, will not accept their predicted fate without a real struggle. Indeed, they are optimistic about finishing 1972 in a respectable position in the premiership.

The last three teams promoted from second division, Western Suburbs, Marconi Fairfield and Auburn, have all fully justified their promotion — and have stayed in the top division.

So if precedent means anything, Sutherland won't be the chopping blocks so many knockers predict.

When the NSW Government decided to ban trading stamps a few weeks before Christmas, one soccer star who didn't take kindly to the decision was Dave Johnston of Western Suburbs.

Dave, a fiery Scot, who captained Australia Under 23's a few years back, worked full time for the Gold Shield company.

"What a Christmas present — getting the sack without warning," said sad Dave.

However, Johnston managed to land a job with a manufacturer of footwear in the city.

West Ham's 17-year-old Nigeria player Ade Coker, making his home league debut, gets his foot to the ball despite the attentions of Manchester City's Alan Oakes (left) and goalkeeper Joe Corrigan. Manchester City won the match 2-0.

Dorsogna

Over 70 varieties to choose from:

Hams
Rib & Shoulder Rashers
Ham Salami
Mortadella
TV Snack Packs
Ham, Veal & Tongue
Pork Fritz
Beef Polony
Strassburg
Garlic Sausage
Ham & Chicken
Vienna Sausage
Salami
Krakowurst
Brattwurst
Metwurst
Pork Sausages
Barbecue Sausages
Pressed Beef
Bra[illegible]
Silverside
Ham delight loaf

Registered at the GPO Perth for transmission by post as a periodical category B